

# Keen teens

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WHAT'S IT  
MATTER WHO'S  
KING? I AIN'T!







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*Frank Sinatra*

# CLAIRE VOYANT

by SPARLING

## Adventure on the High Seas

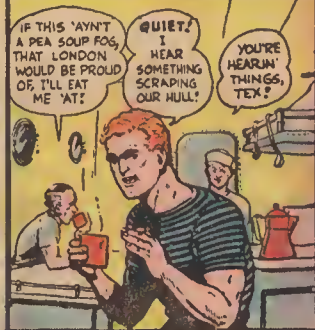
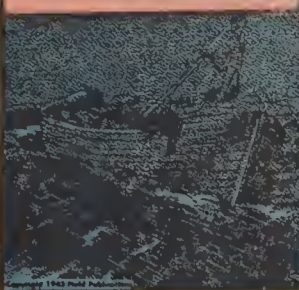


FAR OUT IN THE ATLANTIC THE "BISCO BAY" WALLOWS MOTIONLESS IN A THICK FOG.

UNTIL OUR ENGINES ARE FIXED WE'LL POST DOUBLE WATCH, MISTER.

AYE AYE CAPTAIN TRAVIS!

NOT FAR AWAY A LONE LIFEBOAT DRIFTS, IT'S OCCUPANTS MORE DEAD THAN ALIVE.



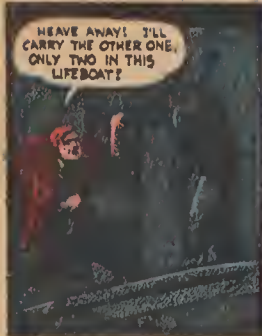
MAYBE IT'S A SUBMARINE ASKIN' DIRECTIONS!

GET THE JACOBS LADDER, I'M GOING OVER THE SIDE TO INVESTIGATE!

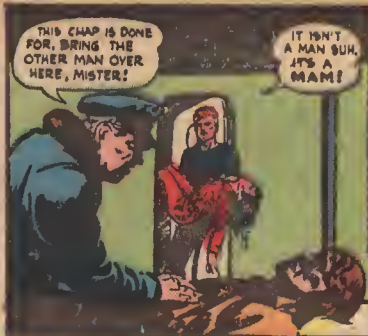
THE ONLY THING SCRAPING OUR SIDE IN A FOG LIKE THIS, WOULD BE... A SUB!

WITH OUR ENGINES BUSTED WE HAD BETTER PRAY IT ISN'T, TEX!

AMOEY, TOPSIDE, HEAVE A LINE, IT'S ONLY A LIFEBOAT!



HEAVE AWAY! I'LL  
CARRY THE OTHER ONE,  
ONLY TWO IN THIS  
LIFEBOAT!



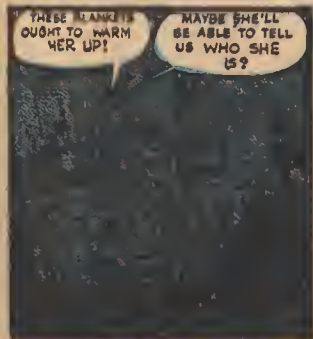
THIS CHAP IS DONE  
FOR. BRING THE  
OTHER MAN OVER  
HERE, MISTER!

IT ISN'T  
A MAN BUM,  
IT'S A  
MAM!



THIS GIRL FROM  
THE LIFEBOAT  
HAS A NASTY BUMP  
ON HER HEAD, SIR!

A WOMAN, GLORY  
BE! PUT HER IN  
THIS BUNK, MAN!



THESE BLANKETS  
OUGHT TO WARM  
HER UP!

MAYBE SHE'LL  
BE ABLE TO TELL  
US WHO SHE  
IS?



QUIET, LAD,  
SHE'S TRYING  
TO TALK!

..WHERE  
..WHO...  
WHO...  
???



WHO  
A-AM  
???

SHE  
DOESN'T  
KNOW HER  
NAME!

SHE'S GOT A BUMP  
ON HER HEAD... MAYBE  
SHE'S GOT AMNESIA!



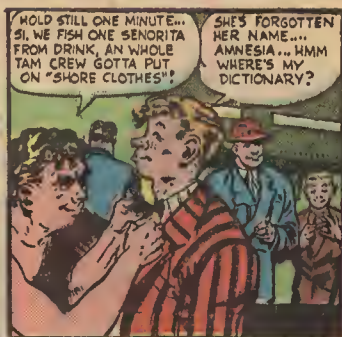
SHE COULDN'T  
TELL US HOW  
SHE CAME TO  
BE FLOATING  
AROUND IN A  
LIFEBOAT!

IT MUST HAVE  
BEEN DONE BY  
THAT BUMP ON  
HER HEAD.



GET SOME SOUP, BUT DON'T  
TELL THE CREW WE'VE GOT  
A LADY, WHO DOESN'T EVEN  
KNOW HER NAME, ABOARD!

I GUESS  
IT'S AMNESIA  
ALL RIGHT!



HOLD STILL ONE MINUTE...  
SI, WE FISH ONE SENORITA  
FROM DRINK, AN WHOLE  
TAM CREW GOTTA PUT  
ON "SHORE CLOTHES"!

SHE'S FORGOTTEN  
HER NAME...  
AMNESIA... HMM  
WHERE'S MY  
DICTIONARY?

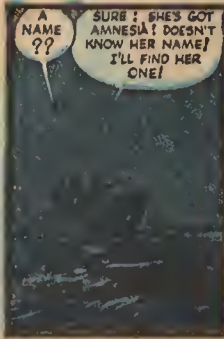


SI, SENOR, TER,  
HE'S A LADY'S  
MAN HE FISH  
THEM RIGHT OUT  
OF THE MIDDLE  
OF THE OCEAN!

A GIRL IN EVERY  
PORT ISN'T ENOUGH  
FOR TEX... NOW HE'S  
PICKING THEM UP  
BETWEEN STOPS!

COOKIE, FIX ME  
SOME SOUP TO  
TAKE FORWARD!

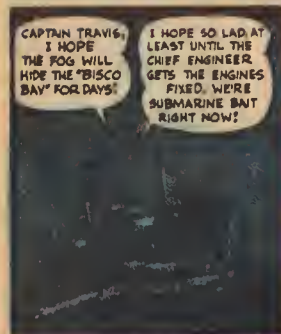
WAIT A MINUTE..  
I'M TRYING TO  
FIND A NAME FOR  
THAT GIRL IN MY  
DICTIONARY!

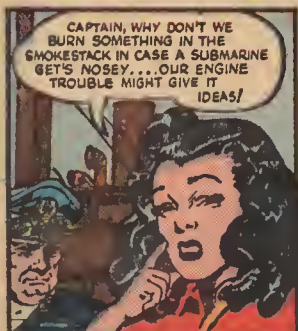
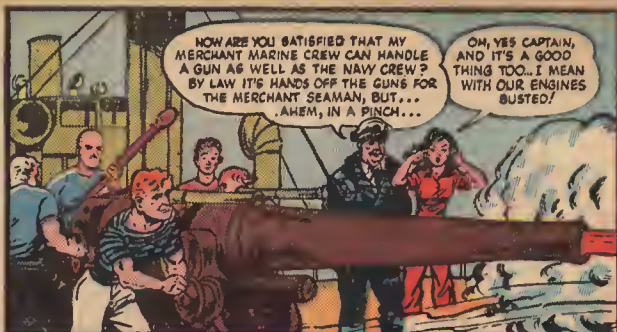


A  
NAME  
??

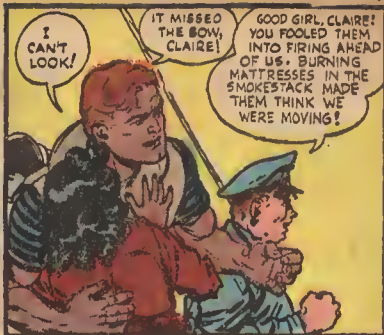
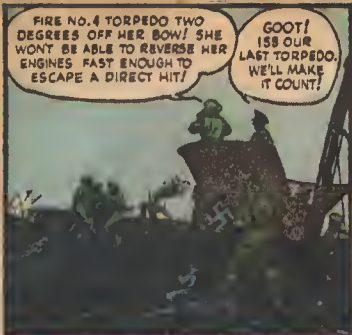
SURE! SHE'S GOT  
AMNESIA! DOESN'T  
KNOW HER NAME!  
I'LL FIND HER  
ONE!



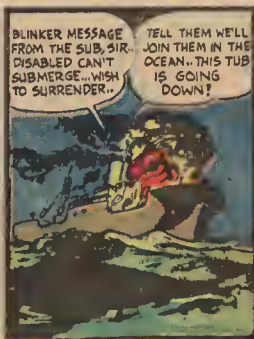
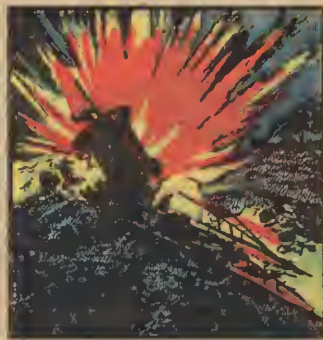
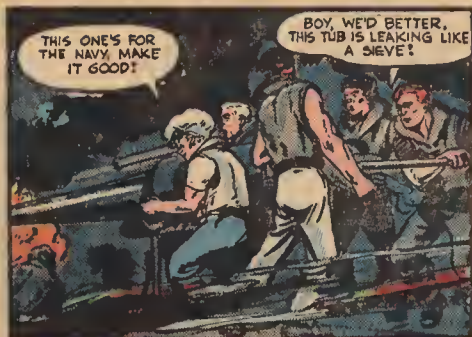




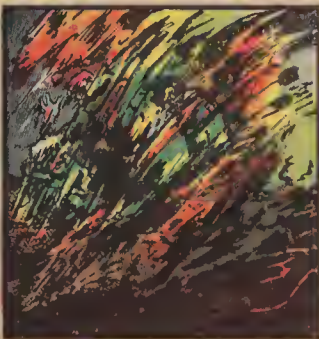
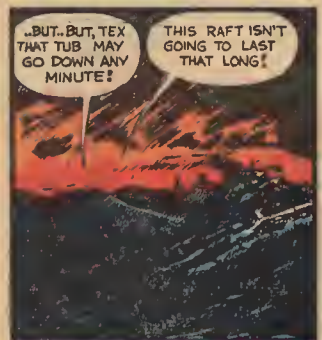
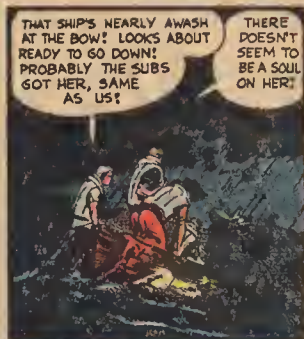




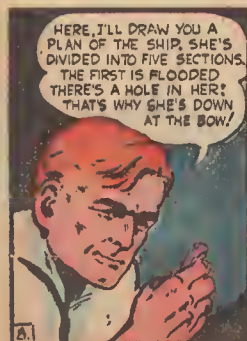
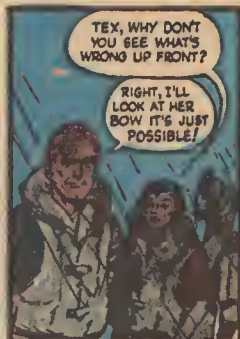
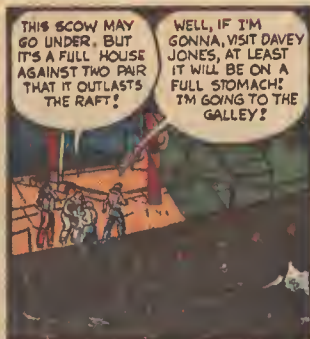
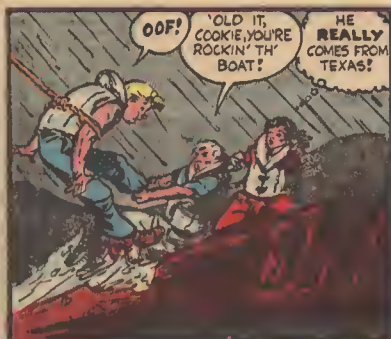
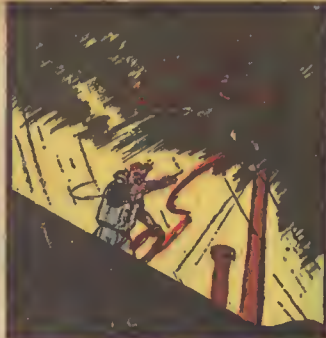




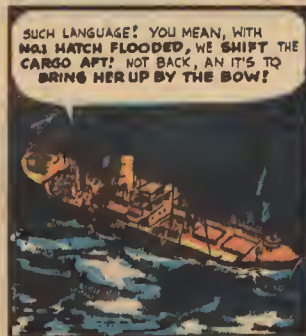
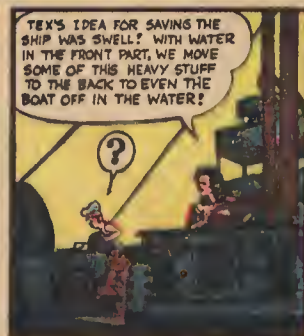
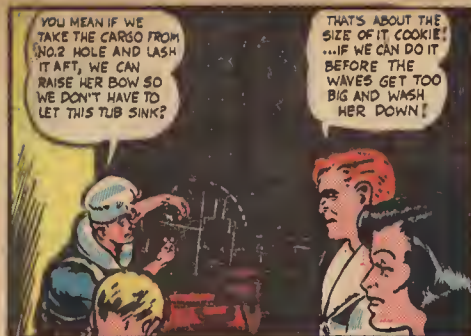




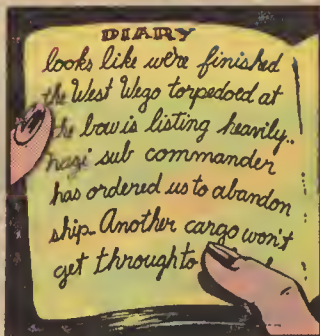
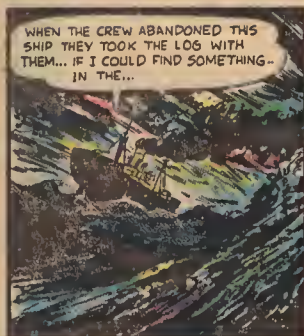








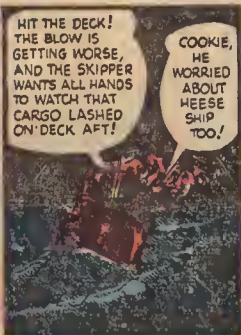
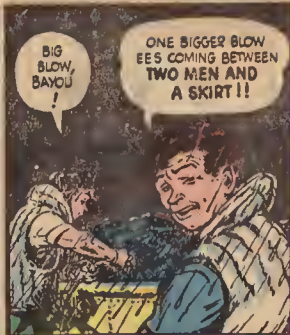




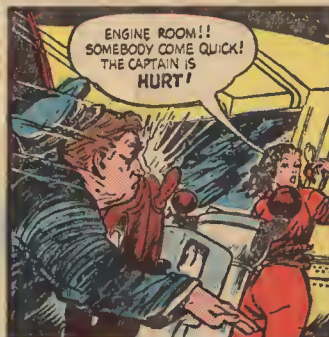
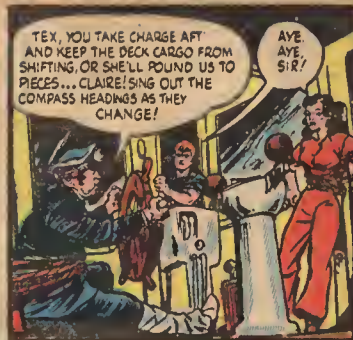


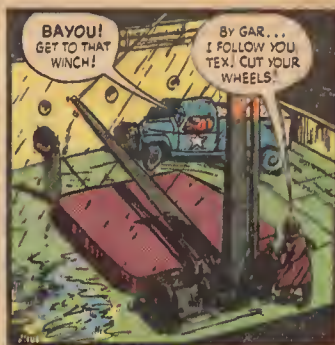














# SUGAR and SPICE

By MAUREEN DALY

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## Devil or Angel, Wolf, Fox, or Real Good Joe?

There comes a time in every gal's life when she has to start making up her own mind. Ever since the young honeychile was in the rompers-and-bib department, some one has been giving her conversation about what to eat, what to wear, and when to put out the lights for the night. And all of a sudden she turns up a full-grown doll, but king-sized, with problems she must decide for herself. And any gal over 16 is old enough to know Friday from Saturday, right from wrong, and make her plans accordingly.

Here's a letter from a teen-aged girl who's getting off the beam because she can't make up her own mind and it goes this way:

"Recently I have been dating a boy who goes to our school and I have been baving loads of good, clean fun. Mother and Dad both approve of everything about him but—and it's a big 'but'—he has a reputation around our very small school of being fast. From the beginning of our friendship I made it clear that I was one girl who didn't want to neck, ever, and apparently he respected me for it. He has always been a perfect gentleman. But the fellows and girls in a small school seem to think that if you go with a boy with a past 'record' you, too, must be that type. All the fellows and girls know me well but what can I do to make them believe that I am a nice girl and that he has been wonderful since he's been dating me? Or would I be more wise just to give him up? He's really a good fellow and everything is strictly 'lights on' all the time but—well, people will talk."

Chances are, 10 to one, this Joe's past "record" is nothing but idle chatter that started rolling when the nightmare gang got together. Always judge a friend by what you know about him, not by what you might hear. And if this young Jackson is your friend, stick by him without making excuses for him or for yourself. This might be the first time your sincerity and capacity for



friendship has been put to test; decide now that you are capable of making your own decisions. You think the boy is slightly wonderful, both your mother and dad approve. All three of you couldn't be wrong.

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## Doubting Dad Doesn't Dig Dance Dates?

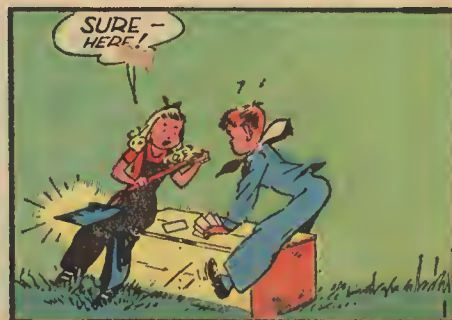
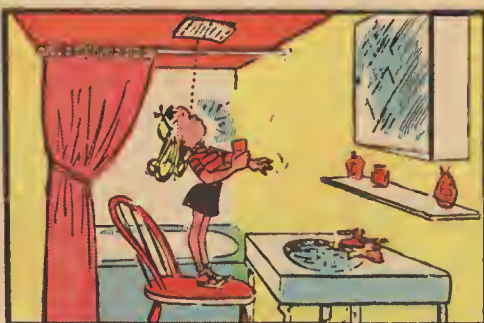
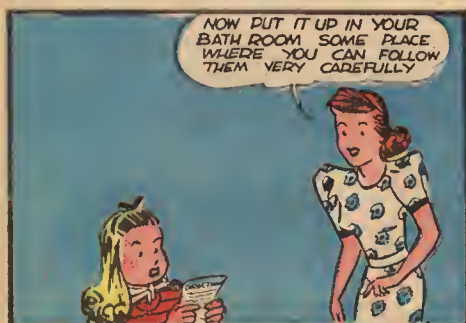
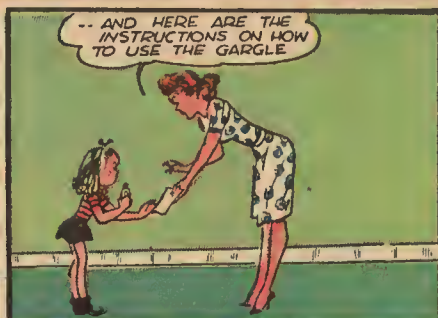
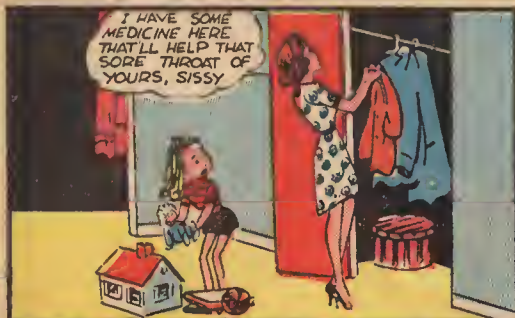
"I'm 16 years old and yet my father won't let me go out with boys. I have never gone out on the sly so I don't know why he doesn't trust me. I've been asked to dances at school but my father wouldn't let me go and the boys think it's because I don't want to go with them. My father should realize that it's not doing me any good not to go on dates; as it is I am bashful with most boys. Is there any way I can make him let me go out on dates once in a while?"

Many young gals have the same trouble—their parents don't approve of their dating, the girls aren't willing to talk the whole thing over, and the dating future looks dark. Why not try to settle the problem at once; after all, how long can a girl go on dreaming? Most high school gals are dutiful young characters and wouldn't go out without permission but they never think of asking for permission in black and white! Instead of just pulling a long sulk and moving into the Cinderella department, why not tell your mother and father where you would like to go, with whom, and about what time you expect to get home, and see what they have to say?

If they veto arrangements because you are too young (and they may be right!), ask them when they will consider you old enough and hold your fire till that birthday rolls round. To most dads it seems only yesterday since they were picking up rattles and rubber dolls and they can't quite believe that their honeychiles are out of pigtails and pinafores and ready to date.

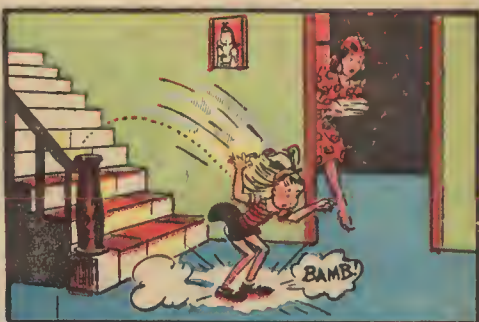
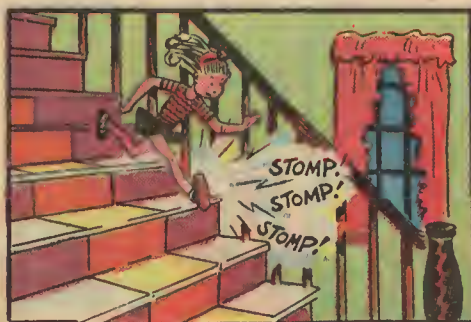
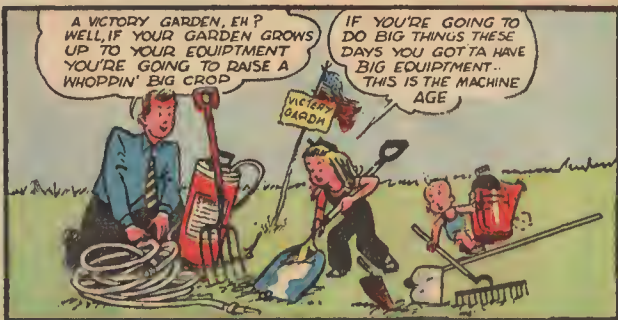
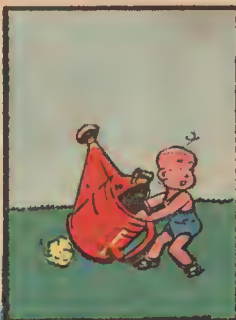
You might try a more subtle approach by inviting your tall, dark, and handy over to your home for an evening before going out with him. Let your parents get to know your friends, then they will not feel that you are being trusted to "strangers." Try letting your parents in on your dating plans; you may be surprised at how much they will understand.

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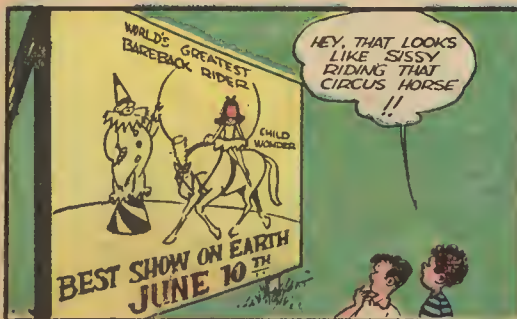
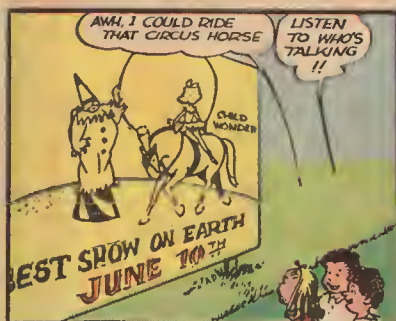
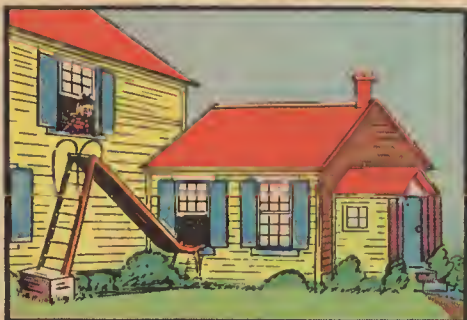
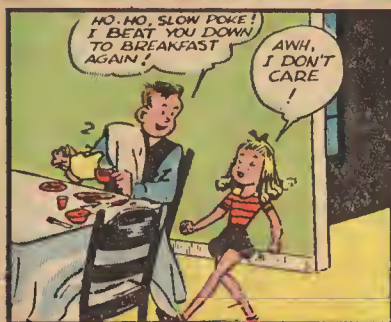




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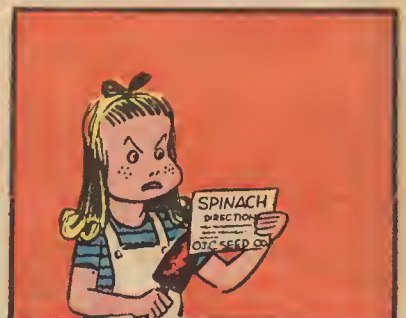
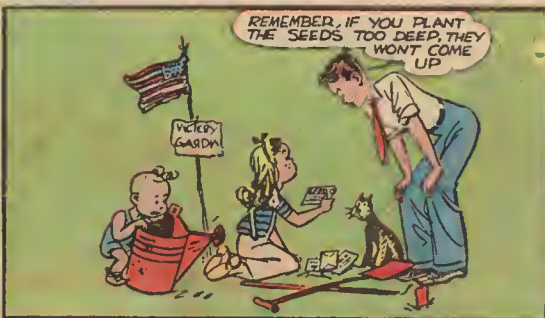
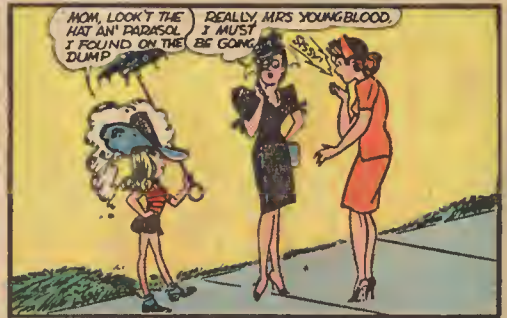
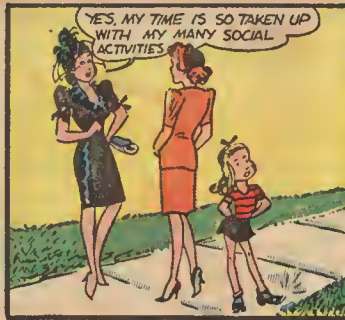


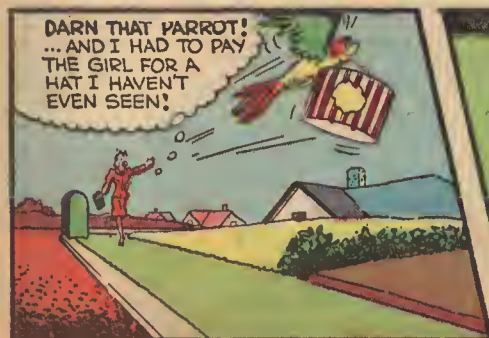
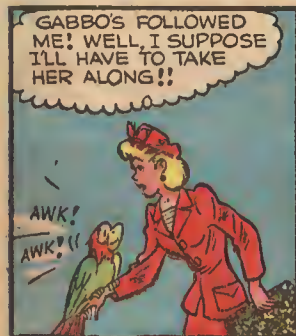
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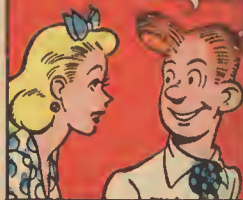






THE JERKIMER'S  
HAVE INVITED US  
TO DINNER, DEAR!

SWELL!



I LAID OUT THE  
CLOTHES FOR YOU  
TO WEAR TONIGHT,  
HORACE - I WANT  
YOU TO LOOK  
NICE!



HEY, STUPID, LETS  
SWITCH DUOS ON  
OL' DRIPPY!



WHE-EE! I HAVEN'T HAD  
THIS MUCH FUN IN YEARS!



LOOK OUT BELOW!  
I'M A BOMBER!



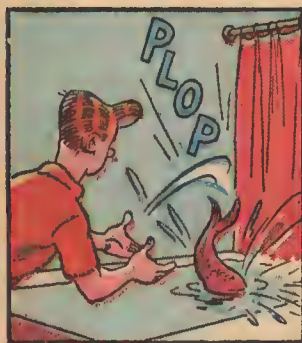
NOW TO GET  
DRESSED!



I THINK YOU  
COULD'VE SHOWN  
BETTER TASTE  
THAN THIS  
DOTTY!

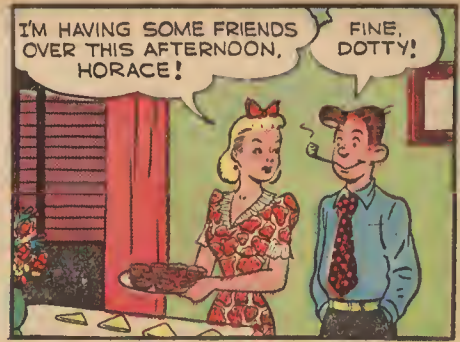


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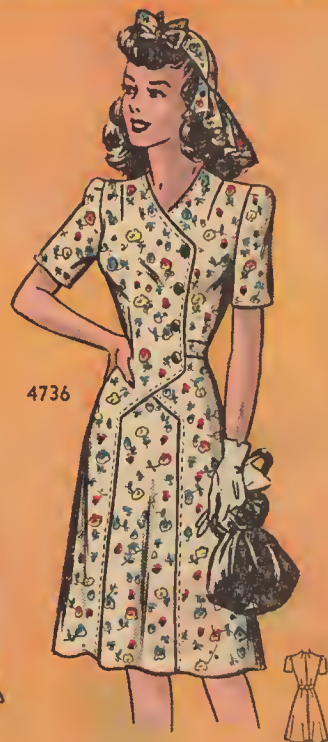


PATTERN 9039—A SMOOTH jumper and blouse for school days. Sizes 11 to 18. Size 13 jumper, 1½ yds. 54 inch; blouse, 1¼ yds. 35 inch. 20c.

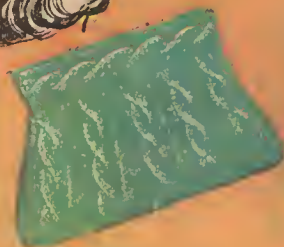
PATTERN 4736—"Furlough Dater" . . . side button frock with back-drape calot. Size 11 to 17. Size 13, 3½ yds. 39 inch. 20c.

PATTERN 521—Warm as toast knit pillbox with matching hat. 15c

PATTERN 524 — Matching mittens of bright wool. Pattern has directions for small, medium and large. 15c



## NICE, NEAT and NIFTY



PATTERN 9182—Slick-chick in a striped pinafore frock. Sizes 11 to 17, 12 to 16. Size 13, 3 yds. 35 inch. 20c.

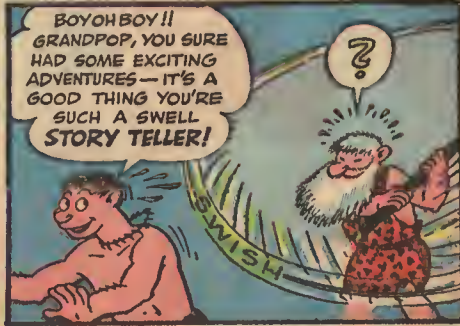
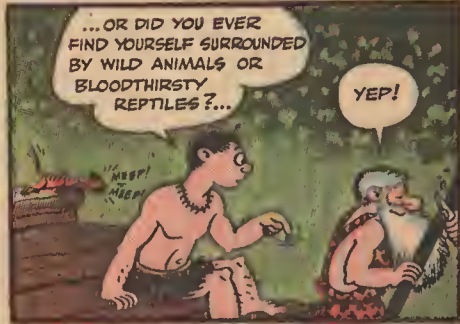
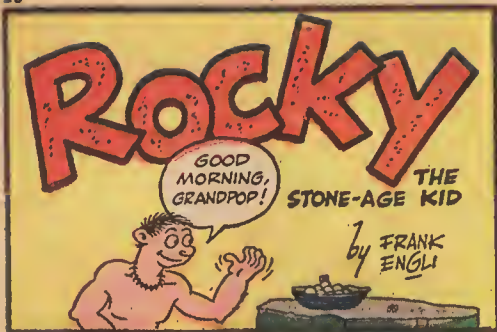
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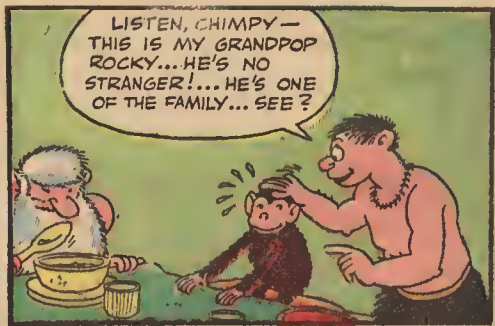
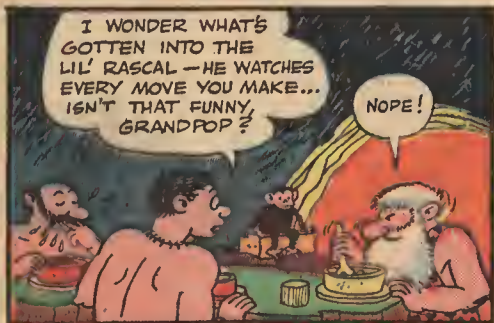
PATTERN 7256 — Toast your toes in quilted booties. Pattern has directions for small, med. and large sizes. 15c.

PATTERN 546—Jiffy knit sleeveless pull-over. Pattern has directions for sizes 12-14 and 16-18. 15c.

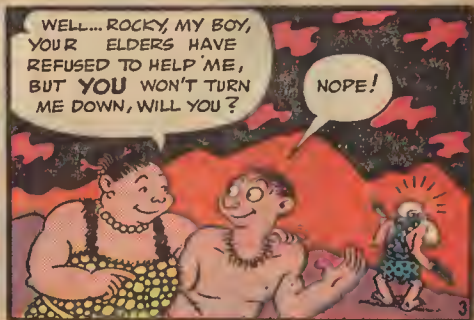
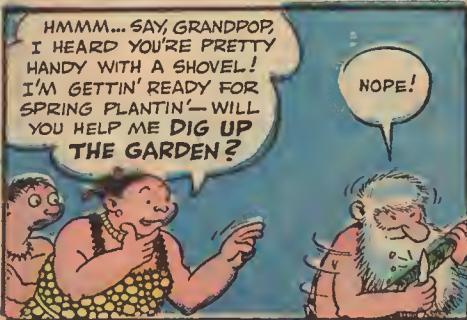
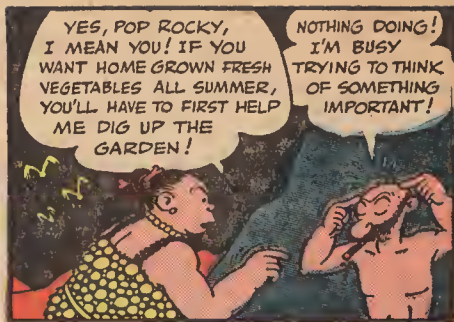
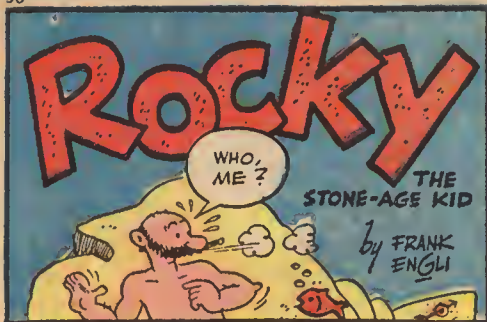
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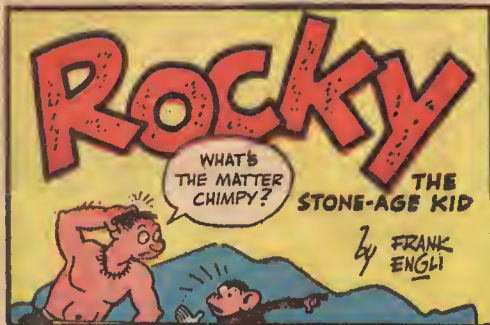






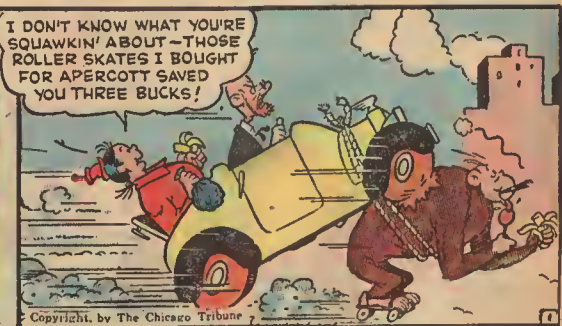
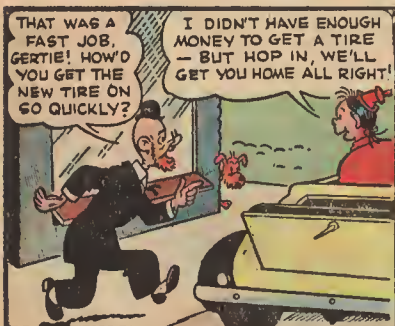
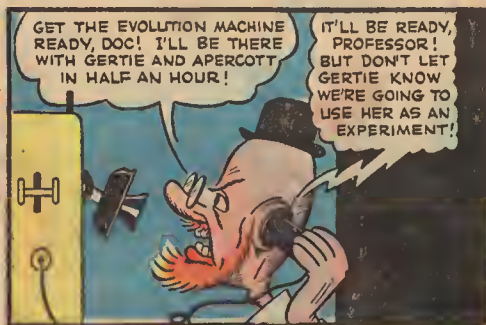
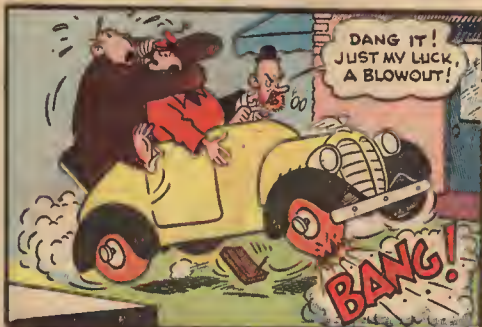
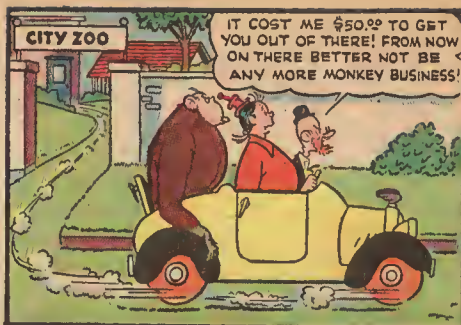


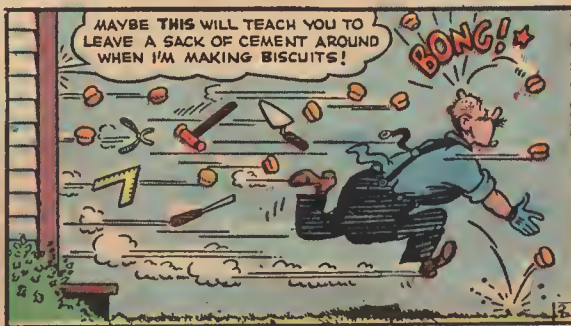
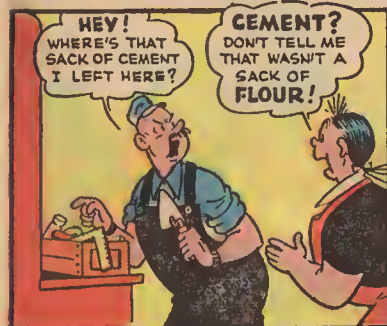
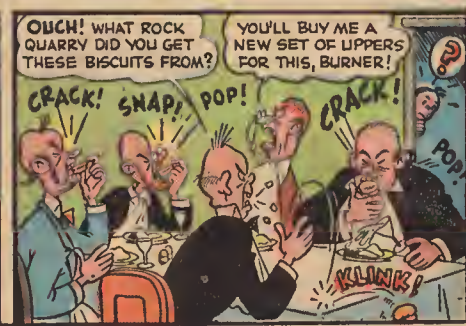
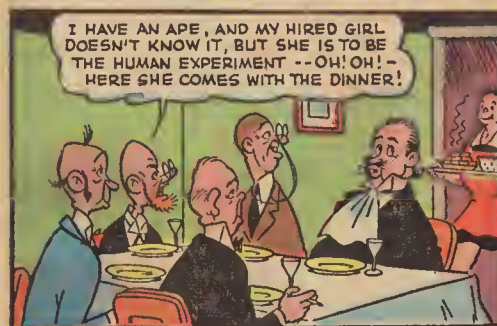
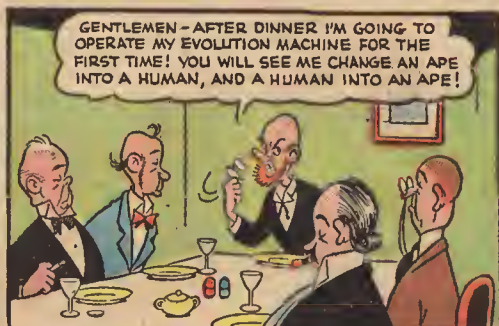
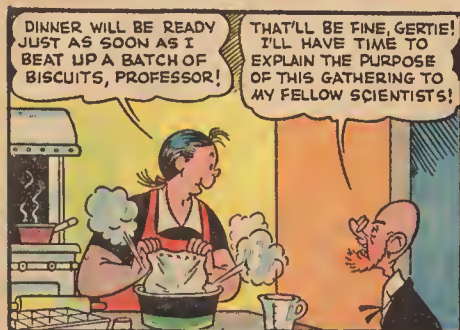
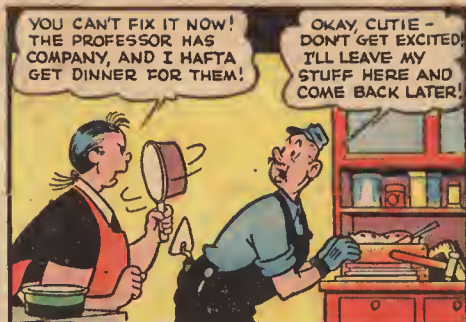




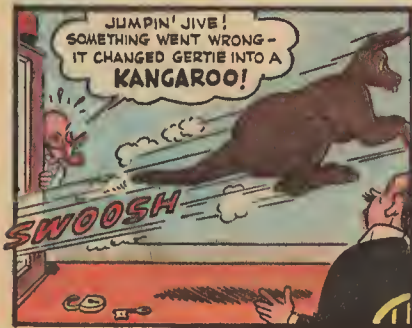
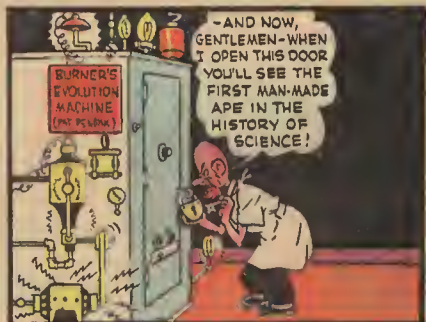
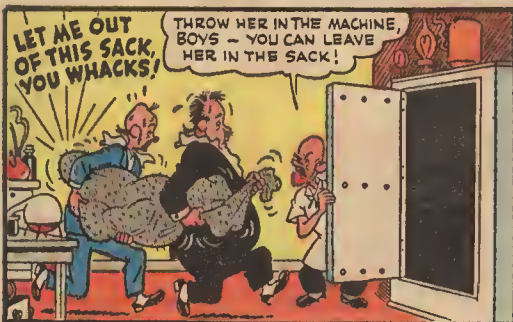
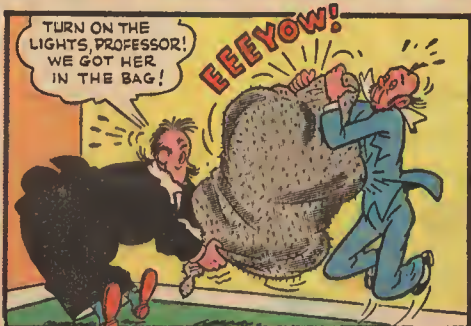
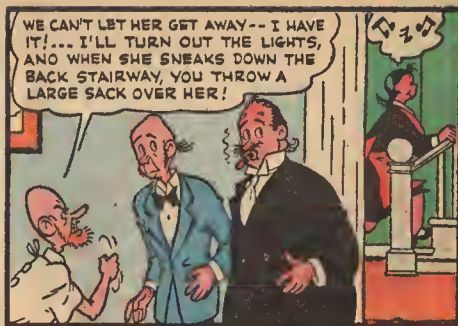


# GERTIE O'GRADY









SO YOU QUIT YOUR  
JOB AT PROFESSOR  
BUNSON BURNER'S -  
WHAT HAPPENED, GERTIE?

HE TRIED TO MAKE A MONKEY  
OUTTA ME WITH THAT CRAZY  
EVOLUTION MACHINE HE BUILT!

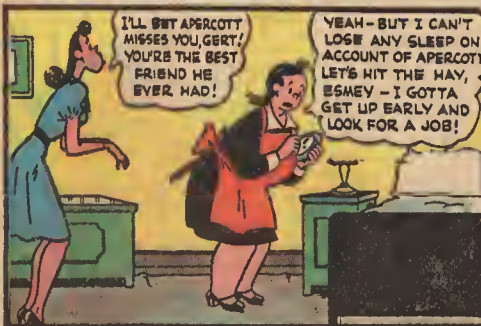
I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO  
EXPERIMENT ON THAT APE  
YOU WERE RUNNING AROUND  
WITH!

HE TRIED, BUT THAT WAS  
A FLOP, TOO - AND I  
HEAR THE PROFESSOR'S  
SEEN AWFUL MEAN TO  
APERCOTT EVER SINCE!

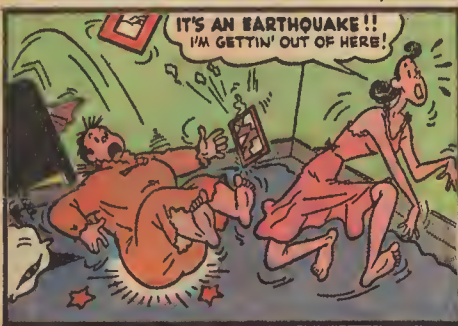


I'LL SWEET APERCOTT  
MISSES YOU, GERT!  
YOU'RE THE BEST  
FRIEND HE  
EVER HAD!

YEAH - BUT I CAN'T  
LOSE ANY SLEEP ON  
ACCOUNT OF APERCOTT.  
LET'S HIT THE HAY,  
ESKEY - I GOTTA  
GET UP EARLY AND  
LOOK FOR A JOB!



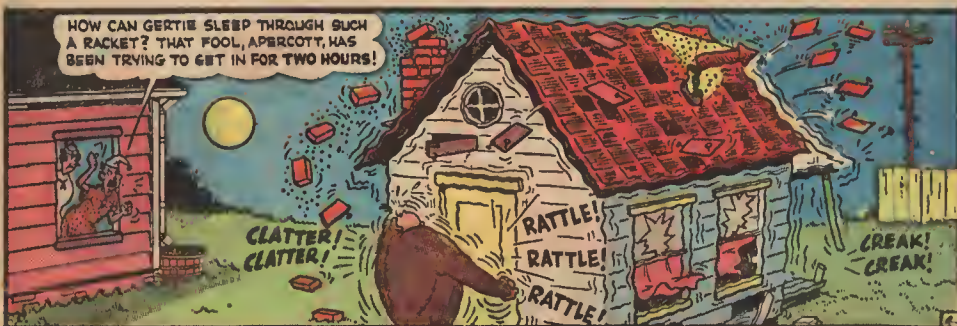
GERTIE! WAKE UP!  
THE WHOLE HOUSE  
IS SHAKING!



IT'S AN EARTHQUAKE!!  
I'M GETTIN' OUT OF HERE!



UNTIL THIS BLOWS  
OVER THE SAFEST  
PLACE IS IN THE  
CELLAR - C'MON, ESKEY!



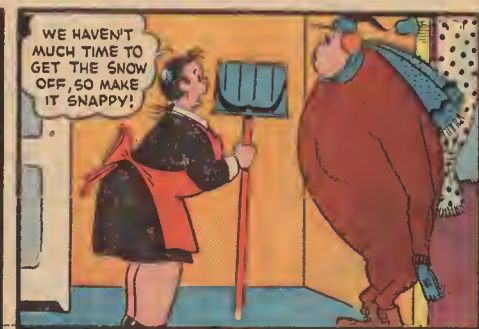
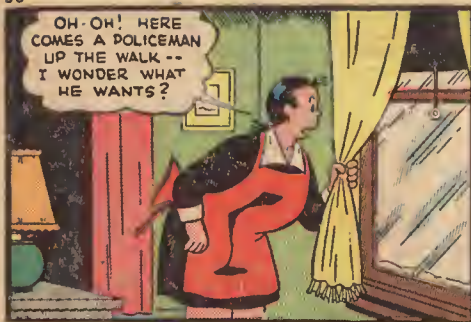
HOW CAN GERTIE SLEEP THROUGH SUCH  
A RACKET? THAT FOOL, APERCOTT, HAS  
BEEN TRYING TO GET IN FOR TWO HOURS!

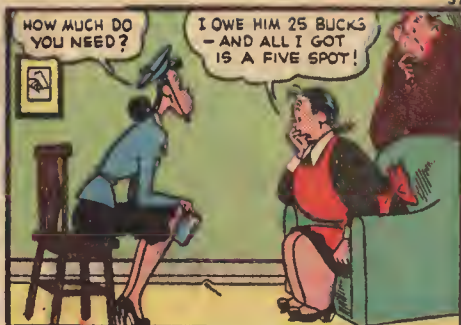
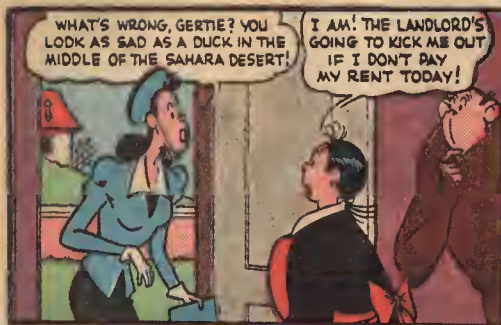
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RATTLE!  
RATTLE!  
RATTLE!

CREAK!  
CREAK!

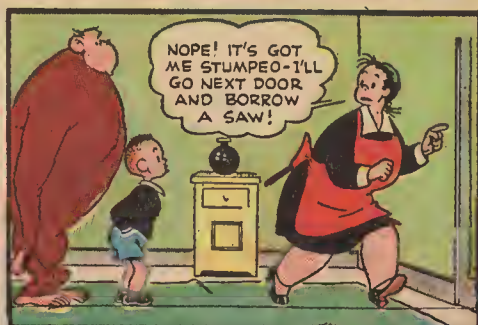




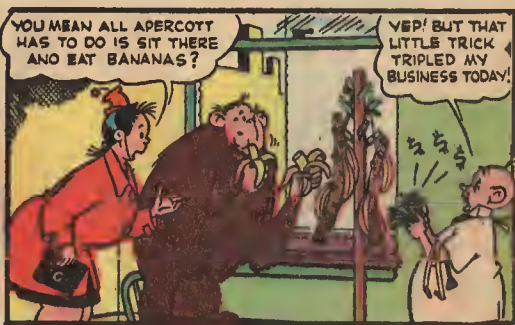
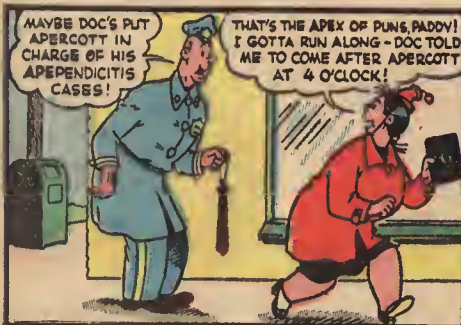
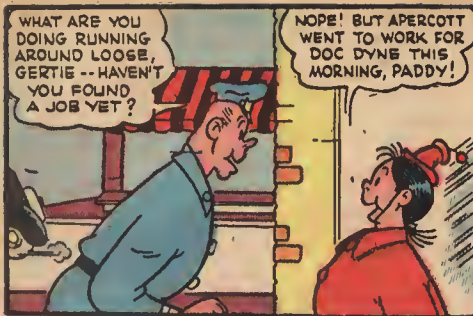


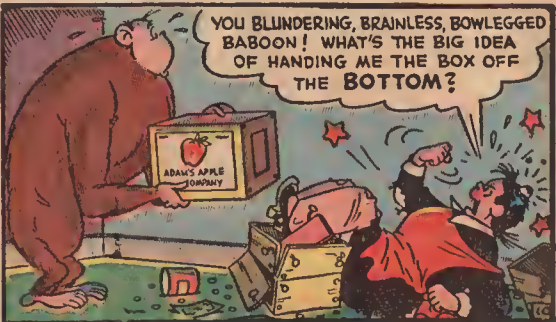
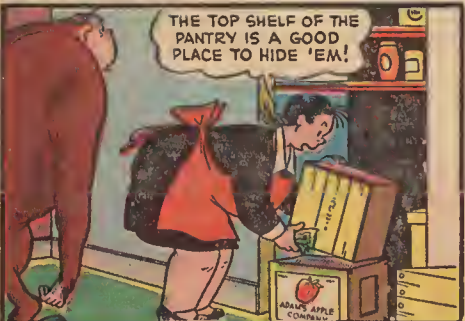
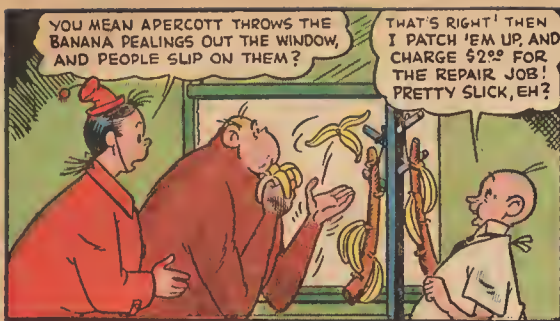














# The Correct Thing

by Elinor Ames

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**CAREFUL, PLEASE!** Don't rush down the stairs! Half the noise and crowding on school staircases would be eliminated if all students walked briskly and in an orderly manner



**IMPOLITE?** Don't start a conversation, laugh, whisper or in other ways distract others' attention when someone is playing, singing or speaking

**DON'T PRY!** Don't make a point of going to visit her because you've heard she has a new beau, has broken her engagement, etc. Prying and curiosity are not good motives for visiting



**LENGTHY CHAT?** If, on the street, you stop to speak to an acquaintance, make the conversation brief or else draw over to one side, out of line of pedestrian traffic. It's inconsiderate to block traffic while you stand chatting!



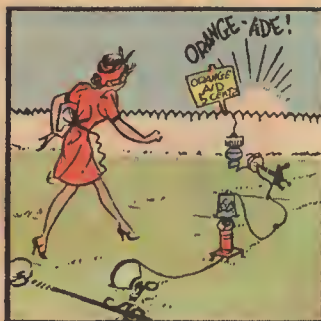
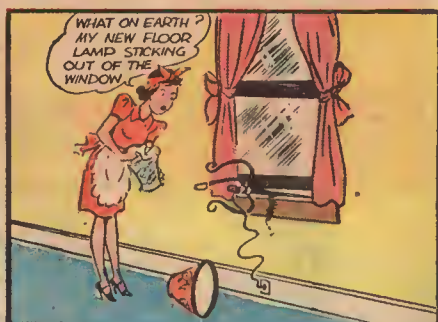
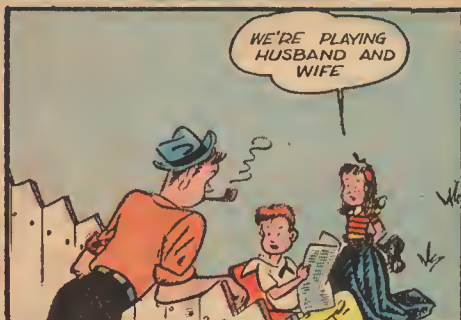
**GET THE NAME!** When you are introduced, try to "get" the name of the other person. It's better to ask, "Did you say, 'Miss Breen'?" than to later call her "Miss Breen" if her name is actually "Miss Greene!"

**NO LULL, PLEASE!** When someone gets a telephone call it's courteous for others present to turn down the radio, speak in lowered tones, etc. However, there should not be a complete silence that could be construed as an attempt to "listen in" on the call!

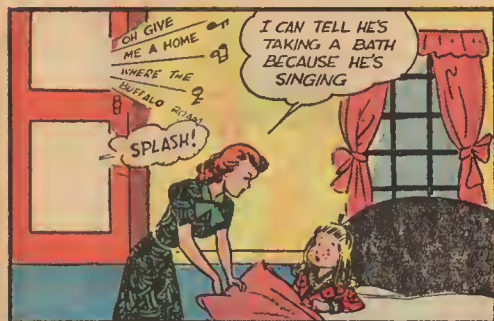
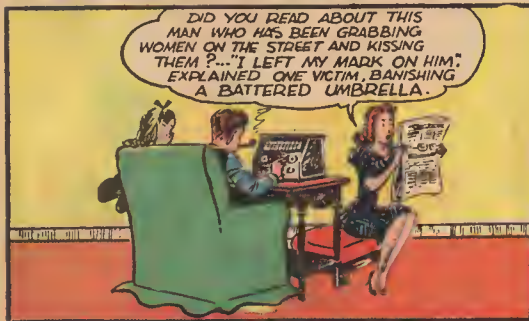
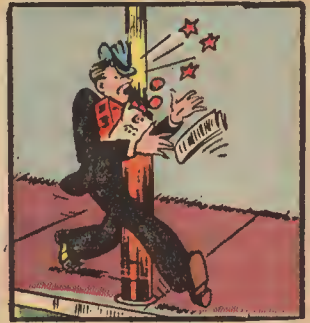
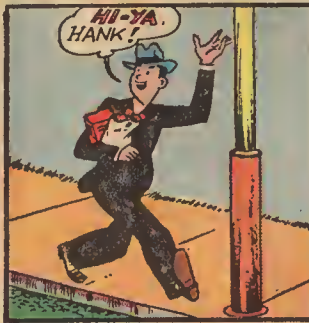




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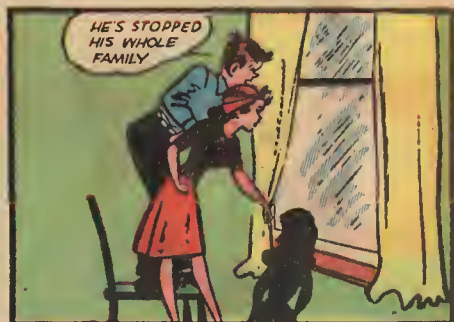
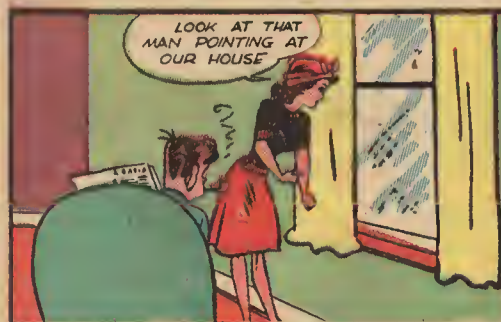
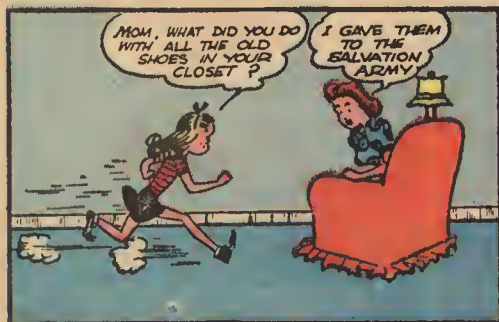


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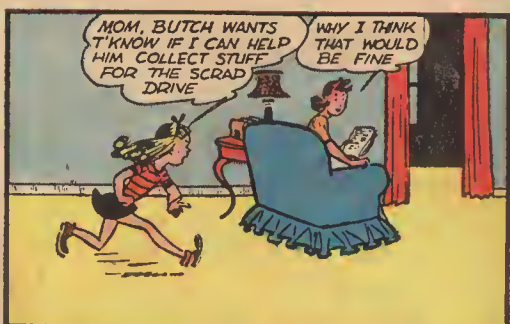
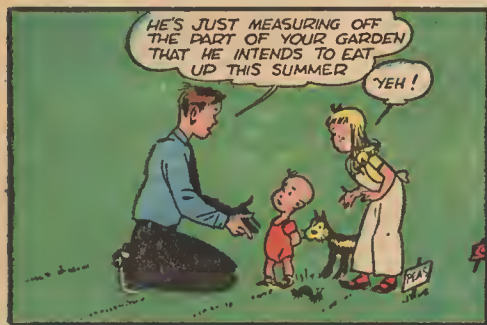
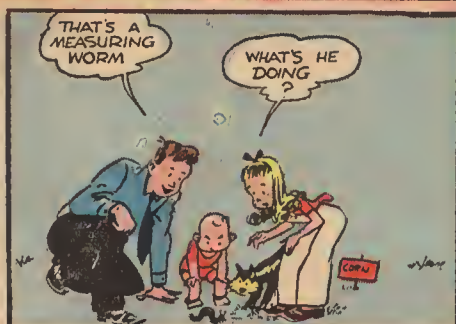
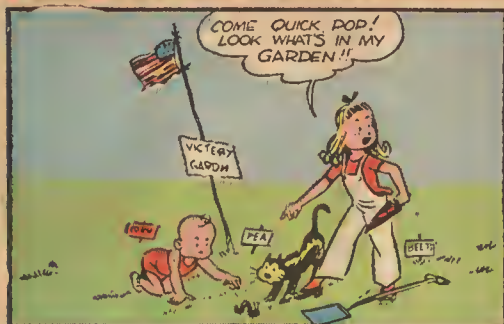




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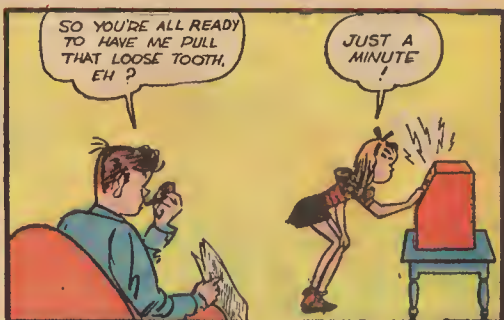
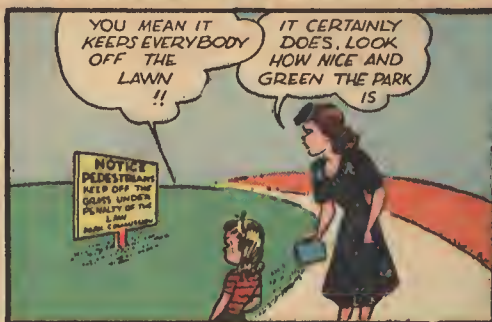


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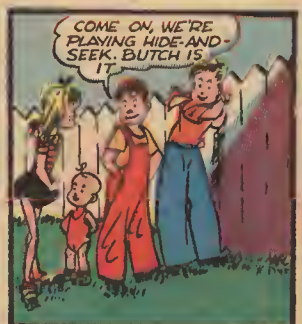
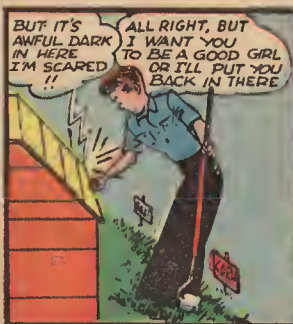
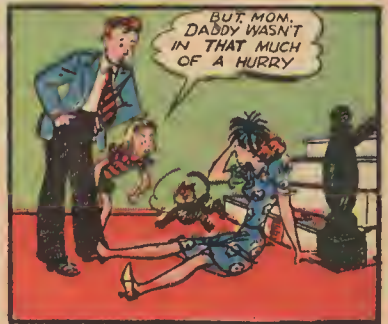




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**E**XCEPT for the singing part, these some questions apply to that other hypo-for-heartbeat—**VAN JOHNSON**, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's young man with the red-gold hair and the extremely blue eyes. Of course Van sings too (he's a baritone), and dances as well, but primarily he's an actor. Anyway, we'd like to know his secret too, so will you tell us **WHAT** gets you?

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**O**N the ballot below, mark on "X" beside the name of the young man you favor. (We've left a blank line just in case you vote someone else—say Dick Haymes, or Robert Walker, or whomever you choose—higher than either Johnson or Sinatra; and you're welcome to write that name in for a vote.) But vote for ONE, and one only.

That's the first part.

**T**HE next thing you do is to write us a letter of not more than 150 words, telling us **WHAT GETS YOU** about the man you've voted for—in other words, why you rate him tops?

## THEN

Simply mark on X in the box alongside the name of your favorite. (If you decide to use the third line, of course, you will also have to print in the name of the one you prefer to either Sinatra or Johnson.)

**FRANK SINATRA** ..... ☐

**VAN JOHNSON** ..... ☐

..... (?) ..... ☐

**YOUR OWN NAME** ..... **AGE** .....

**YOUR ADDRESS** .....

.....

**Don't forget to send your letter with this ballot!**

Clip this ballot, fill in according to instructions, and mail with your letter to **KEEN TEENS**, Room 1623, Graybar Building, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, N. Y. Do this before **March 1, 1945**—on which date the contest closes.



*Van Johnson*



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